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### **Remarks**

In the present response, two claims (1 and 5) are canceled. Claims 2-3 and 6-30 are presented for examination.

#### **I. Telephone Call with Examiner**

Applicants thank Examiner Nguyen for discussing this case with patent attorney Philip S. Lyren on September 28, 2005. During that telephone call, attorney Lyren agreed to cancel rejected claims 1 and 5 to put the case in condition for allowance.

#### **II. Claim Rejections: 35 USC § 102**

Claims 1 and 5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by USPN 5,448,515 (Fukami). This rejection is moot since claims 1 and 5 are canceled.

#### **III. Allowable Subject Matter**

Applicants sincerely thank the Examiner for allowing claims 2-3 and 6-30. Since Applicants have canceled all rejected claims, this application is now in condition for allowance.

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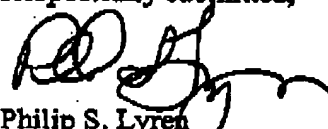
### CONCLUSION

In view of the above, Applicants believe all pending claims are in condition for allowance. Allowance of these claims is respectfully requested.

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